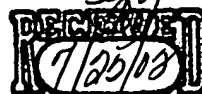


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In re the Application of:

Amoud EKKER, et al.

Serial No. 09/353,625

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Examiner: E. Coleman

For: REAL-TIME CHARGE CALCULATION SYSTEM

AMENDMENTAssistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed December 3, 2002, and having a period for response set to expire on March 3, 2002. A Petition for a 1-month extension of time, together with the requisite fee for same, is submitted herewith, thereby extending the period for response to April 3, 2002.

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted. Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please AMEND claims 1, 4, 11, 14, 19-21, and 25-28 in accordance with the following:

a1 ^{sp} 1. (Once Amended) A system, comprising:
a continuously running event creation process determining whether a system initiated and created event is due to be created; and
a continuously running pricing process pricing the system-created events and non-system-created events as they become available to the system.

a2 4. (Once Amended) A system as recited in claim 3, wherein system initiated and created events for a customer may be created in one of less frequently than the customer is billed, as

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